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NOTES AND NEWS

THE CARUS LECTURESHIP AND THE JOINT MEETING OF THE EASTERN
AND WESTERN DIVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

In confirmation of a proposal made orally to Professor H. B. Alexander and by him reported to the Western Philosophical Association (now the Western Division of the American Philosophical Association) at its spring meeting in 1920, Mrs. Mary Hegeler Carus, widow of the late Dr. Paul Carus, has written the following letter:

"25 March, 1921

"PROFESSOR JAMES H. TUFTS,

"*Dear Sir:* The Edward C. Hegeler Foundation and the Open Court Publishing Company, as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Paul Carus, for so many years a devoted student of philosophy and kindred subjects, offer to provide for a series of lectures to be delivered under the auspices of the American Philosophical Association or the divisions of the American Philosophical Association, acting jointly.

"The terms and conditions of the offer are as follows:

"I. The lectures shall be known as the PAUL CARUS LECTURES.

"II. The lectures shall be given as the Committee choosing the lecturer may determine during the year 1921 or 1922 and at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association or the divisions of the American Philosophical Association, acting jointly. If there should be any reason for modifying this condition, the donor will be very glad to consider any requests for such modifications.

"III. The lecturer shall be chosen and the invitation extended by a committee consisting of not more than nine representatives of the American Philosophical Association (these representatives to be appointed by the Executive Committee of the American Philosophical Association, or by the Executive Committees of the several divisions of the American Philosophical Association, according to the rules and practice which govern such appointments) together with not more than three representatives of the Open Court Publishing Company.

"IV. The lecturer shall receive an honorarium of one thousand dollars, to be paid by the Trustees of the Edward C. Hegeler Trust Fund.

"V. Within a reasonable period after the delivery of the lectures, the manuscript of the lectures shall be delivered to the Open Court Publishing Company for publication in book form. This

provision shall be optional for the first series of lectures. It is understood that the honorarium shall not be regarded as a purchase of or royalty upon the published book, but that the author shall receive the usual royalty accruing from the sales of his book by the Open Court Publishing Company.

"Trusting that this offer may appeal to the members of the American Philosophical Association and make possible some real contribution to the field of philosophy and that the lectures, if given and published, may serve to stimulate and deepen the interest in philosophical studies, I remain

"Faithfully yours,

"MARY HEGELER CARUS,

*"Trustee of the Edward C. Hegeler Trust Fund and
President of the Open Court Publishing Company."*

In accordance with the terms of this letter and the instructions of the Eastern and Western Divisions the representatives of these two Divisions, in conference with Mrs. Carus representing the Open Court Publishing Company, chose Professor John Dewey to deliver the lectures at a joint meeting to be held in September, 1921, if possible. A letter and cable were sent to Professor Dewey, but no reply has been received. In view of the consequent inability of the Committees to make any definite arrangements, and of the desirability of having a well-attended meeting for these lectures the Committees have reluctantly decided to postpone until a later date the joint meeting, due notice of which will be given.

In making public this letter and announcement the officers of both the Eastern and the Western Divisions of the American Philosophical Association desire to express their appreciation of the generous interest in philosophical study and publication which prompted the liberal offer of Mrs. Carus on behalf of the Edward C. Hegeler Foundation and the Open Court Publishing Co. They desire to express also the hope that these lectures may encourage and strengthen the cause of philosophical study which Dr. Carus had so warmly at heart, and to which he devoted a life-time of service as editor and author.

A. H. JONES,

Secretary Eastern Division,

G. A. TAWNEY,

Secretary Western Division